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Iowa Northern Releases CM/ECF Version 3.1.6



Witches, goblins, ghouls and an update to CM/ECF. You tell me which is scarier...

That's right, Fall has arrived at Iowa Northern Bankruptcy, and brought along the latest release of CM/ECF (Version 3.1.6). This edition of the *Filer* provides a brief overview of Release 3.1.6, highlights some new features on our website and in CM/ECF, and provides some tricks (the good kind, we promise!) to help make your filing experience ghoulishly good. Happy haunting, and as always...be careful out there!



Release 3.1.6 - What's New?

Beginning Monday, October 29th, Iowa Northern Bankruptcy will implement CM/ECF Version 3.1.6. Developed primarily to capture more statistical information and address form changes planned for December 1st, most of the changes will be invisible to electronic filers, with the following exceptions:

1. When using the "Open Voluntary BK Case" event, you'll see that the **language on the statistics screen has changed**. The "Estimated Debts" label has been changed to "Estimated Liabilities."

Estimated assets	<input type="text"/>
Estimated liabilities	<input type="text"/>

2. **The values in the selection lists for these items are changing.** Upon implementation of 3.1.6, the values listing will display both the December 1st values

(new values) and the current values. The current values will be displayed in parentheses following each December 1st value in the picklist.

Helpful hint: Between now and November 30th, go by the values in the parentheses. Beginning December 1st, only the new values will be visible. Please Note: these screen changes will not be visible to users of the Case Upload feature.

Estimated assets	\$0 to \$50,000 (\$0 to \$10,000)
Estimated liabilities	\$50,001 to \$100,000 (\$50,000 to \$100,000)

3. Change to the Application for Compensation Event

In previous versions of CM/ECF, the selection list for the “Type” of professional requesting the fee had a default of “Accountant.” In 3.1.6, the default is blank, so you must make a selection before proceeding.

Applicant: Perry Mason		Type: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Filer			
From: <input type="text"/>	To: <input type="text"/>		
Fee request \$ <input type="text"/>	Expense request \$ <input type="text"/>		



Reminder!

Contact your software vendor to secure the necessary upgrades for your petition preparation software prior to December 1st.

Updated Means Testing Statistics Effective October 15th

The updated Census Bureau State Median Family Income figures have been posted on the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) website at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/>. The UST will apply the updated data for means testing of all cases filed on or after October 15, 2007.

Transcript Fee Increase

The Judicial Conference of the United States has approved an increase in the maximum allowable rates for production of transcripts of federal court proceedings, effective immediately. [Click here](#) for a list of the new rates.

Additionally, a new 14-day time frame has been added to the list of possible transcript delivery options.

As long as we're on the subject of transcripts....

New and Improved Process for Transcript Cost Estimate

Parties wishing to request transcript cost estimates for bankruptcy hearings can now do so with ease.

Located under the “Services” category on Iowa Northern’s Website, simply select the “**Transcript Cost Estimate**” option, complete the form fields, and click “submit request.” Upon receipt, the Clerk’s Office will send an estimate to the requesting party. To order a copy of the transcript, sign the bottom of the estimate form and submit it to the Clerk’s Office along with a check payable to the transcriptionist.

What’d We Miss?

If you have topics or questions you’d like to see covered in future editions of the Frequent Filer, we’d love to hear from you! Email your feedback to training@ianb.uscourts.gov, and we’ll do our best to incorporate your suggestions into future issues.

ECF Filing Question of the Month

Q: My office has a new address, and I need to have my contact information in CM/ECF updated. How do I handle this?

A: All of your contact information can be easily and quickly updated in CM/ECF by selecting the “**Maintain Your ECF Account**” option located under the “Utilities” menu. You can update your address, telephone number, change, add, or delete email addresses, and change your password within this function. Remember to click the “Submit” button to save your changes!